

# ***The Space Propulsion Synergy Team (SPST)*** **Annual Meeting**

April 27-29 2004

## **Theme “Why Human Space Exploration”**

- Harness the resources of space for the benefit of the human race
- Maintain international leadership in space
- Enhance national security
- Advance technologies that will benefit the human race

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**The National Space Science and Technology Center  
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*Tuesday April 27, 2004*

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Location: The National Space Science and Technology Center Conference Room 4078  
UAH Huntsville AL

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| □ Hospitality Coffee and Rolls   | 8:00 am  |
| □ Opening Welcome<br>Gerald Smith, Director NSSTC  | 8:30 am  |
| □ Introductions and Logistics<br>Donald J. Perkey, Director USRA   | 9:00 am  |
| □ Meeting Theme and Agenda<br>Bryan DeHoff SPST<br>Steering Committee Chairman   | 9:15 am  |
| □ Why and How NASA Plans to Explore Space<br>Key Note Speaker: John Mankins<br>NASA Code T Deputy Director Human and Robotic Technology                  | 9:30 am  |
| □ BREAK  | 10:30 am |
| □ SPST and the System Engineering Process<br>Relevance to the NASA Office of Exploration Systems<br>James Hollopeter, Vice Chair SPST Steering Committee | 10:45 am |
| □ An Overview of Recent Advancements in Solid Propulsion<br>Dave McGrath ATK Elkton  | 11:30am  |
| □ Lunch (Dutch Box Lunch)  | 12:15 pm |
| □ Advanced Air Breathing Propulsion Systems<br>Larry Hunt SAIC   | 1:00pm   |
| □ Space Exploration Propulsion Technology<br>Requirements and Status<br>Robert Sackheim MSFC Asst. Director and<br>Chief Engineer for Propulsion         | 1:45 pm  |
| □ Break  | 2:45pm   |

*Tues. April 27 (continued)*

- Progress and plans for the MSFC Propulsion Research Center      3:00pm  
(PRC)  
Stephen Rodgers Director of PRC
  
- In Space Propulsion Progress and Plans      4:00pm  
Les Johnson MSFC, Manager in Space Propulsion
  
- Review Plans for Wed 28&Thur 29      4:45pm
  
- Adjourn      5:00 pm
  
- Dinner at TBD  
Happy Hour      6:00 pm  
Dinner (everyone invited)      7:00 pm

Honored Guests-Mr.& Mrs. David Christensen

# **Space Propulsion Synergy Team Annual Meeting**

*Wednesday April 28, 2004*

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- Hospitality Coffee & Rolls 8:00 am
- Welcome and Review of yesterdays progress and Today’s agenda 8:30 am  
Walt Dankhoff SPST executive Sec.
- “Why Human Space Exploration” Panel 8:45am  
Introduction by Moderator  
Dave Christensen, Lockheed Martin Space Systems Corp.
- Presentation by Panel Members 9:00am
  - Jim Odom-NASA Retired/SAIC
  - James Sanders NASA Retired-ISSI
  - Ben Donahue-Boeing, Co. Huntsville
  - John Mankins-Deputy Director  
Human & Robotics Technology
  - Dave McGrath ATK Elkton
- Audience Participation 10:30am  
Questions and Answers
- Lunch (Dutch Box Lunch) 12:00pm
- Summary of Activities and Products of the SPST Functional Requirements SubTeam
- Introduction Russ Rhodes KSC, Team Leader 1:00pm
- Review of “Proposed Technical Performance Measurements” 1:30pm  
Bradley Biehn-Servdrup technology Inc.
- Development of Space Transportation Systems “Functional  
Breakdown Structure” 2:15pm  
Russ Joyner P&W(invited)

- ❑ Break 3:00pm
  
- ❑ Status and future plans for the NASA University Space Transportation System Design Challenge Program 3:15 pm  
Don Perky Director USRA
  
- ❑ Summary report and recommendations of SPST Ad Hoc Comm. 3:45pm  
Co-Leaders Russ Rhodes KSC and Jim Sanders (NASA retired)
  
- ❑ Discussion and conclusions on each recommendation 4:15pm
  
- ❑ Wrap up and plans for tour of MFC Propulsion Research Center 4:45pm  
Don Perkey Director USRA
  
- ❑ Adjourn 5:00 pm

## **Space Propulsion Synergy Team Annual Meeting**

*Thursday April 29, 2004*

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- ❑ Assemble at NSSTC for bus to MSFC/PRC Tour 8:30 am
  
- ❑ Return to NSSTC and adjourn 11:00 am